

# DTSC Model Shop Program

## Recognitions 2001 to Present

### Municipal Fleets

8

### State Fleets

38

### Federal Fleets

7

### Private Fleets

3

### Independent Repair Shops

11

**Total: 67**

# Pollution Prevention

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## California State Automobile Association (CSAA)

By participating in the Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC's) Vehicle Service and Repair Project (VSR), California auto repair shops have improved their businesses while protecting the environment from pollutants and maintaining workplace health and safety. This project, which commenced in July 2000, promotes cost-effective solutions to environmental problems for the auto repair shops in California.

The California State Automobile Association (CSAA) has been an active participant in DTSC's pollution prevention programs. AAA Car Care Plus, which is owned by CSAA, took the innovative step of including DTSC's pollution prevention experts in the design phase of its new Sacramento shop.

The design, not only took into account ways to reduce the production of hazardous waste, but it increased profit as well.



CSAA also helped to promote pollution prevention by publicizing DTSC's P2 Model Shop Program to its Northern California approved auto repair shops through regional meetings and a mass mailing of information. In addition, CSAA assisted with the certification of 11 of its independent repair shops as DTSC P2 Model Shops. Many State vehicles are now serviced at State shops trained to use these environmentally preferable practices that reduce waste, protect workers, and save taxpayers money.

This voluntary DTSC pollution prevention program required partnerships with a variety of stakeholder groups including industry associations and labor groups, local governments, parts distributors, motorist and consumer groups, state agencies, and environmental and community groups.

Pollution prevention methods and best management practices reduce air emissions, wastewater discharges, and hazardous waste generation. By adopting these practices, businesses have reduced operational costs and improved compliance with environmental regulations.